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WHOLE NO. 578

'VOTE, THEN EAT,' SLOGAN SET FOR MONTEREY OUTING OF L.U. 483 ELECTION DAY

Members and friends of Monterey's Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 will gather at Laguna Seca Ranch, seven miles from Monterey on the Salinas highway, at noon on Election Day (next Tuesday) for the union's annual barbecue outing and party, Secretary George L. Rice reported last week.

With a slogan of "Vote, Then Eat," the affair is designed as a celebration of the election day holiday. Members are asked to cast their ballots in the morning, before reporting to the picnic grounds.

Employers of union houses have been invited to participate in the affair, feature of which will be the serving of barbecued steaks with a special Spanish "salsa sauce," Rice said. Beans, salads and other refreshments will be offered also.

Early sale of tickets for the affair, at \$1.50 each, indicate a record for the party this year, Rice added.

Many union members volunteered to serve on committees in connection with the party, it was reported. Included were Clifford Mack, Hugh Boise, Harvey Rose, Eddie AuCoin, Al Nanny, George Adams and Ed Monahan, cooks; Melvin Gilroy, Bill Williams, Bob Harrington and Harry Wasson, bartenders; Edna Cook, waitress, and others whose names were not recorded.

In casting ballots before attending the party, members of Local 483 were urged by Rice to vote "NO" on Proposition 2, the pension repeal measure, this being opposed by the union and by most AFL organizations.

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Painters 1104 Cite Apartment Builder Here

Action to declare Dick Cava, builder of an apartment house at Beach and Montana streets, Salinas, on the "We Don't Patronize" list of AFL unions because he had the new apartment building painted by non-union workers was started by Painters Union 1104 last week, Secretary Carl Lara reported.

Lara added that Cava had used union labor for all other work on the building. There was no general contractor, Lara added.

Negotiations have been opened for a new wage and working agreement covering the Glaziers Division of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, according to Secretary Carl Lara. The union is hoping for conditions and wages similar to those of the San Francisco agreement covering glaziers, Lara added.

David Hamilton Painting Service of Salinas is nearing completion in painting of the Greenfield School and has engaged four more painters from Salinas Local 1104 to speed the work, it was announced by the union.

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Mary Ballinger Again Agent For Local 483

Mary Alma Ballinger, who served as outside representative for Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey two years ago until forced to retire due to an illness, was back on the job as a union business agent this week, Secretary George L. Rice reported.

She will handle union contacts and business outside the union office as an assistant to Rice, it was reported.

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Electric Welders Needed in Salinas

Work for union electrical workers in the Salinas area has improved to such an extent that Karl Ozols, business manager of IBEW Local 243 of Salinas, last week said he was facing a shortage of electrician welders to man local projects.

The union has more than 300 electrical workers on the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. project at Moss Landing and nine others on the state prison job at Soledad, Ozols reported. Electrician welders should contact him at the Salinas Labor Temple for clearance before reporting to any job.

In Union Circles

Al Clark, secretary of Salinas Bartenders Union 545, was in a local hospital last week recovering from an operation, second in recent months. He was reported showing steady gains and was expected back on the job soon.

Apologies to Bertha Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas. Due to an error in last week's paper her name was incorrectly quoted.

Speaking of errors, the writer moved Randolph Fenchel last week from Salinas to San Jose through a typographical slip. Actually, Brother Fenchel is employed by the City of Salinas in an important capacity. He says he makes frequent trips to San Jose but still doesn't work or live there.

Members of Plumbers Union 503 are urged to give their correct addresses to Business Manager Cruthers or Secretary Parker. The union frequently sends out notices to members and must have the correct addresses. In addition, members are eligible to receive the Monterey County Labor News weekly and also the monthly journal of the international union, but correct addresses are necessary to receive the publications.

The new Coca-Cola dispenser in the Labor Temple building supplies a new incentive for Office Secretaries Lillian Johnson and Millie Putnam in the building—they don't drink many of the soft drinks but they have a whole of a time "tapping" the union officials to "buy."

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English Bids Low on New Fire House

Leonard English, Santa Cruz general building contractor, was low bidder for construction of a rural fire station at Skyline Blvd. and East Market St., near Salinas, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272.

Contract for the station is expected to be awarded in a short time and construction will be started very soon thereafter, McGinley said.

Construction of the new Prunedale School was started last week and three union laborers from Salinas Laborers 272 were called to the job, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

Contractor is E. A. Hathaway of San Jose. Excavations, clearing and leveling operations have been nearly completed, it was reported.

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Mary Roberts Back from Trip

Mrs. Mary Roberts, office secretary for Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, was back on the job this week after an extended trip to Kansas and way points.

Mrs. Roberts and her husband made the trip by car to visit friends and relatives.

During her vacation absence, union office duties were handled by Dorothy Leitz.

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Kenyon, Harris At Temo Meet

President Albert A. Harris and Business Representative William G. ("Bud") Kenyon, of Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County, represented this union at the Western Teamsters Conference in San Jose last week.

Union Secretary Peter A. Andrade was kept near Salinas by the press of union business, it was reported, but managed to travel to San Jose on occasion for certain phases of the conference.

Women Stop Cruel Speedup At Cannery

Harassed beyond endurance with trying to make a too-high quota of cans per hour, about 120 employees, mostly women, at Masterpiece Cannery in Santa Maria walked off the job last Friday and went back the following day with the quota lowered from 55 to 45 cans per hour.

Previous efforts had been made during the past month or so since the cannery opened operations to iron out the quota difficulty, but the problem remained.

Last Friday the cannery workers, about 90 of whom are women, left their posts at 9 a.m. and remained out while Joe Meagher, secretary and business representative of their local, Food Packers, Processors and Warehousemen 865, met with George Ricca, president and general manager of the cannery.

The workers returned to the cannery Saturday morning with a new arrangement seeking to end the previous slave-driving method. Under the "incentive" plan formerly, workers were required to make the 55 cans per hour quota, or else, with pay at \$1.05 per hour if they made it.

Under the new agreement they will receive \$1.05 for 45 cents per hour, with 30 cans required per hour. Over the 45 cans quota per hour, they will receive one and a half cents per can.

When the workers walked out Friday morning, the cannery manager first sought to have produce on hand transferred to other canneries to be worked. Ricca started to move lugs of tomatoes out of the plant, but that was stopped immediately through the cooperation of the truck drivers.

John Leggieri, secretary of Truck Drivers Local 381, told Ricca no union driver would move the produce from the plant while the trouble continued.

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Vote Big YES For Union in S. Maria Sheds

An overwhelming union victory was chalked up at vegetable packing sheds in Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Oceano and Lompoc last week, when 341 out of a 351 eligible to vote, cast their ballots in a U. A. election in favor of the union shop.

The voting took place Oct. 25 at the packing sheds, where employees are members of Food Packers, Processors and Warehousemen No. 865 of Santa Maria. Eligible to vote were those on the payroll as of that day, and the only votes not cast in favor of the union were those of employees unable to vote because they were absent because of illness or other reasons.

Negotiations continued meanwhile between Local 865 and the packing sheds, members of the Growers and Shippers Association, for the new contract. Agreement had not yet been reached, Joe Meagher, secretary and business representative of 865, said, but it is hoped the agreement may be reached within a week or so.

The union security election was held in all packing sheds in the northern county area with exception of Rosemary and S. A. Gerrard Co., since these two do not come under T-H regulations.

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Office Workers May Strike PGE

Reports were current in Salinas last week that the new Office Employees Union 29, Salinas branch of an Oakland organization, may request strike sanction from the Central Labor Council at Salinas due to inability to win a contract from Stone & Webster Corp. at the P. G. & E. project at Moss Landing.

While no action had been taken by the union at the end of last week, union officials said they had heard talk of such action. The union was formed only recently and has been attempting to gain a contract since.

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A. P. Bower Dies

Reading, Pa.—Andrew Park Bower, vice-president and education director of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, died at the age of 80 years. He was a member of the Cigar Makers International Union, served as mediator for the industry and was international organizer until his retirement last January.

Nevada Upholds Right to Picket

The Nevada Supreme Court has again upheld "the lawfulness of peaceful picketing" for organizational purposes and refused to interpret the State's 1911 "anti-yellow dog contract" law as a so-called "right to work" measure.

Supreme Court Clerk Ned A. Turner filed an order denying rehearing in the case of State ex rel. Culinary Workers Union, Local No. 226 et al. v. Eighth Judicial District Court. Last June, by a 2 to 1 majority, the Nevada high tribunal had issued a writ prohibiting prosecution of contempt proceedings for violation of an injunction against picketing two Las Vegas drug stores by the Culinary Workers' organization and Retail Clerks Union, Local 1536, both A. F. of L.

The Las Vegas and Reno employer interests filed a petition for rehearing, citing the recent U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Giboney case permitting an anti-picketing injunction based upon an old Missouri "restraint of trade" statute. Chief Justice Charles Lee Horsey, in a new opinion concurred in by Associate Justice Edgar Eather, denied the request to reopen the June decision, and affirmed that ruling, saying "this Court clearly upheld the lawfulness of peaceful picketing as a proper and legitimate labor objective."

Associate Justice Milton Badt again dissented with the statement that "the majority opinion denying the petition for rehearing leaves the matter in greater confusion than ever."

AFL Attorney Robert W. Gilbert, who represented the Clark County Central Labor Council and the picketing unions before the Nevada Supreme Court, hailed the re-statement of the "free speech" protection of picketing in the additional opinion as "an outstanding refusal by a distinguished court to be stampeded by the influence of the Taft-Hartley Act into forsaking fundamental constitutional principles."

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Monterey Fish Canners Busy With Sardines

There may be a scarcity of sardines elsewhere, but Monterey's Cannery Row has been busy during the past week with good quality sardines caught locally in large quantities, union officials said.

Warehouses of local plants were said to be filling up for the first time in several seasons as the sardine run continues.

Meanwhile, officials and members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union are watching with interest the fight of the Hovden Cannery to retain its tuna plant, which is in an area in Pacific Grove not zoned for industry. More than 1000 names were signed to petitions asking that city to allow the plant to continue.

Next meeting of the Monterey FCWU is Friday night of this week, officials said.

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NO. 2 OPPOSITION CHIEFS VISIT HERE

John W. Brown, heading the State Federation of Labor's Committee Against Proposition No. 2, and Joe Kneffner, publicity director for the committee, were visitors in this area last week, calling upon committee members for more activity in the campaign for all people to vote NO on Proposition No. 2 next Tuesday.

Heading the local campaign as members of the state committees are Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, for Salinas; George L. Rice, secretary of Monterey-Bartenders 483, for Monterey; Mildred Rowe, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders 345, for Santa Cruz County; and J. Herschell Morgan, secretary of Bartenders 577, for Santa Clara County.

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Lettuce Sheds Vote for CIO

Representation of the 3700 shed workers in the lettuce industry of Salinas, Hollister and Watsonville areas for the next two years will be under the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers' Union 78, as result of the NLRB election completed October 21.

A total of 3202 votes were cast, it was reported, of which 2163 were for the CIO-FTA, 1011 for the AFL Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union 912, and 28 for "no union." The NLRB announced that the loser had agreed to make no attempt to organize in the area for a two-year period.

Plumber Chief Asks Vote NO On Prop. 2

William S. Cruthers, new business manager of Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas, issued a lengthy statement last week calling upon members of this union and upon all working people to vote NO on State Proposition 2 in the elections next Tuesday, to prevent repeal of the present old age pension plan.

His statement, too long for publication in whole, said in part:

"In order to understand fully what is behind this repeal movement to curb pensions, it is necessary to go back a few years, to review the struggles and heart-breaking disappointments the pensioners and their supporters have met with.

"Control and administration of old age pensions were in the hands of a man appointed by the governor . . . and a welfare department (in each county) that administered the pensions, the cost paid out of county taxes. . . .

"After many years of repeated failures and realizing they could receive no help from the governor or the state legislature, the pensioners decided to write into the Constitution of the State a humane and just pension law. . . . Much to the surprise of the big boys it passed. . . .

"The repeal Proposition No. 2 was launched immediately after election, before the new law went into effect. . . .

"We are all faced with one inescapable fact, we all grow old in spite of anything. We who love America and wish all who can work had jobs, are uniting the aged and needy, and the blind and all men and women of goodwill, to retain in our State Constitution a pension adequate for decency and human dignity. For from big business we can expect neither understanding nor mercy, but only a shunting into some dreary poorhouse.

"Special interests have been actively engaged in seeking the repeal of the present pension law, but history has proved that any law that has the continuous support of the people will never be wiped out, but instead as the years go by will be improved to meet existing needs—no one has been injured—all have been helped.

"Vote NO on Proposition 2 at the November 8 election."

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P.G.&E. Project Accident Closes Job for a Day

John Wolfe, 42-year-old Salinas boilermaker, was critically injured in a fall last Friday from a rigging at the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. generator construction project at Moss Landing, fellow workmen leaving the job immediately thereafter in accord with an established custom in the construction industry.

Fellow workmen said Wolfe slipped and fell from the side of a huge boiler, his body striking scaffolding supports in the 50-foot drop. He was taken to a Watsonville hospital where doctors said he suffered a fractured skull, a brain concussion and other injuries.

Union laborers and carpenters quit work immediately as word of the project's first serious accident traveled around the area and other workmen followed them, shutting the job for the day. It has long been a tradition for workmen on such a construction project to leave their jobs when a fellow worker is hurt in a fall or similar accident.

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All Carpenters Urged to Check SSA Standings

Members of Carpenters' Union 925 of Salinas, were urged last week by Business Agent Harvey Baldwin to secure a printed postcard from the union officials and send it to the Federal Social Security Agency in Washington to get an accurate report on their payments under SSA for their old age benefits.

These cards show the amount of wages collected by workers during the past year and the total amount since SSA became effective over ten years ago. The cards are available at no extra charge at the union office.

Baldwin also asked that any member not receiving "The Carpenter," official magazine of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, should inform the union headquarters so that copies may be sent to the member. There is no charge for this magazine.

HEARINGS BLASTED

Assemblyman John W. Evans of Los Angeles this week charged the State Senate Interim Social Welfare Committee "has heard no testimony except that of witnesses who were bought and paid for out of the rich campaign chests of the committee in favor of Proposition No. 2."

The legislative body, conducting hearings on pensions at the State Building assembly room, was told by Evans that they (the hearings) "have been a paid performance with the scripts written in advance and delivered by well-rehearsed actors."

Evans promised this situation would be corrected when the legislature meets again. He said, "I am going to ask the assembly to appoint an impartial committee to ascertain what was done with the \$500,000 contributed by the banks, the railroads and almost every big corporation in this campaign."

"I think we can prove that a good deal of this money went into the pockets of the witnesses to which this committee has been paying such respectful attention during the past two days and ignoring the fact that a high legislative responsibility has been misused for cheap political purposes."

Regarding charges that he was on the payroll of the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions, Evans explained, "There was never any attempt at concealment of the fact that I was spending money of the pension committee and not my own when I was campaigning throughout the state in an attempt to counteract the hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been pouring in on the other side. I say now and I will say it under oath that I have never profited personally one cent from this fight."

Evans, who has consistently fought for adequate pensions, pointed out that the nine assemblymen, who were denied the right to be heard when they urged the hearing be postponed until after the Nov. 8 election, represent nine times as many people as the five senators holding the hearing. The senators, he said, represent 112,000 persons, while Senator Jack Tenney, sitting in the background without a voice, represents four million people.

Evans asked to be heard before the committee today, but Senators Fred Weybreit, chairman, and Charles Brown denied him an appearance. Evans represents 71,000 voters as compared to 4,800 in two counties for Senator Brown.

"In all fairness," Evans said, "Senator Rich indicated he felt I should be heard."

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Why Money Backs Prop. 2

"Money versus humanity" would be a fitting title for the story of the present campaign revolving around Proposition 2. Banks, railroads, investment corporations, loan sharks and a motley collection of other corporations have all contributed lavishly to the slush fund being used by the vested interests to further the cause of Proposition 2.

Were it not for an existing law making it mandatory for campaign managers to list the names of contributors and amounts given to campaigns the public would never have the opportunity of learning who does what to whom.

Nearly a half million dollars was tossed into the hamper by special interests before September 28th. Needless to say, that amount is but a drop in the bucket as far as the total contributions are concerned.

A typical example of consideration shown the needy aged and needy blind by "money bags" may be noted in the following: Banks of Northern California—Bank of California, \$4,000; Crocker First National Bank, \$3,500; American Trust Co., \$4,000; Bank of America, \$4,000; Hibernian Bank, \$2,000; Anglo-California National Bank, \$4,000; San Francisco Bank, \$2,000; Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$200; and the list goes on and on and on.

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Hat for Each Day

St. Paul.—Miss Carmen Lucia, Atlanta, Ga., regional organizer and vice president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers, brought seven hats to the AFL's 68th convention here, one for each day of the sessions.

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Your Union is your only hope of economic betterment.

Remember, on Nov. 8, Vote:

**"YES" on 1
"NO" on 2
"YES" on 3**

Bldg. Trades: Vote No on 12

San Francisco and Los Angeles Building Trades Councils last week unanimously voted to urge a "NO" vote on Proposition No. 12 on the Nov. 8 ballot, the proposal to start daylight saving time in California.

Here are the reasons given:

1. Early morning darkness will be increased causing greater hazards for persons on their way to work and also for those getting on the job during darkness. Job injuries will increase greatly. On exterior work there is much greater dampness. On interior jobs, artificial lighting must be carried around.

2. Labor is traditionally against daylight saving, largely for the above reasons, and sides with most of agriculture and citizens groups in this stand against "artificial time."

3. Artificial time is wasteful to both management and labor and therefore unnecessarily adds to the task of harmonious relations.

4. Artificial time is a hazard to health and welfare of children, requiring earlier rising, danger on the streets in morning darkness, and later bed-time hours.

5. The proposal to introduce artificial time has been beaten twice at the polls already and

five times in the legislature.

While San Francisco Building Trades are thus on record for a "no" vote on Number 12, Southern California Building Trades are expected to act similarly this week.

"The Los Angeles Building Trades Council joined the San Francisco Council in unanimously asking defeat of Proposition 12, the fake-time law, stating:

"Organized labor, particularly the building trades, has always opposed daylight saving plans because they are no benefit whatsoever to working people.

"Proponents of Proposition 12 are boldly claiming that the American Federation of Labor is now no longer opposed to daylight saving. This claim is nothing less than malicious and false propaganda. If a member of the building trades objected to early morning fog and dampness, and the early morning dangers of slippery scaffolding and poor light in 1930 and 1940 when the law was beaten before, are these working conditions any more desirable to him now?"

We All Get Old, Vote NO on 2

By EDITH LILLY, Modesto

There is a lot of propaganda floating around to put over No. 2 on the November election. The X's were hardly dry at the November 1948 election when they had the wheels turning for a repeal of the Old Age and Blind Pension Law that was voted into law by the voters of the State of California. Did you ever stop to think that there must be a reason behind all this. Yes, there is and it is the question of which taxpayer pays the tax bill.

Just a little sum of \$21,000,000 which has been shifted from the backs of the overtaxed home owner and farmer and collected by the state from the big corporations, Gas and Electric Co., Telephone Co., Liquor interests, Railway Co., etc. This sum is a saving made by eliminating the pension set up by the 58 counties with all its duplications and senseless red tape. Up to date, one county, Stanislaus, has saved \$356,650. Local taxes are reduced 30% because of the passage of No. 4.

SO BIG HEARTED!

The repealers would like the people to think that they are good hearted and are willing to let the aged and blind have the \$75 and \$85, but do they give them any guarantee outside of their word? Listen to this: Proposition 2 claims to be a constitutional amendment, but if you read further it says Repeals Article 25 and puts the pension law back where it was before last November election with participation by the state and counties.

And here is the sticker: Authorized legislature to increase or decrease amount of payments to aged and blind, and otherwise to amend or repeal existing laws. This is quite a big order to give to lobbyist-controlled legislature. They can take your homes away, your auto, etc. and even put you back to \$40 a month. In Oregon they are telling the pensioner: "Give up your car or your check."

PROTECT THESE FOLKS

Vote NO on Proposition 2 and keep the security of the aged and blind safely bound in the State Constitution, out of reach of designing politicians. Save them from the embarrassment of having their children forced to support them when they are not able. Do not return the tax to county property and to direct tax on homes, farms and personal property—in other words, to the common taxpayer.

Samish and his henchmen are spending millions to pull the wool over the eyes of the public to get them to misinterpret No. 2 and vote

their way, but I am sure the people will see through the repealers' propaganda.

George McLain and Mrs. Williams are not the issue. We are voting to save the gains that the people won in the last election.

Mrs. Williams knows what she is doing, but if you are not satisfied with her you can vote for someone else in 1950.

She has been accused of being a dictator, but her budget may be cut or altered by the State Budget Director, and the board appointed by her must be approved by the State Senate and all proposed legislation affecting the department must be handled in proper order by the members of the State Legislature. This explodes the story that Mrs. Williams is a dictator.

Mrs. Williams, being an elective official, becomes responsible to the people of California in her administrative capacity and this insures that the State Department of Social Welfare will be run as an agency whose entire personnel is subject to close scrutiny of the voters.

Let us be thankful that the majority of the voters had the wisdom and foresight to put this amendment into the Constitution—and let us protect the aged and blind by keeping it there!

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August Jobless Pay Sets Monthly Record

Washington.—Unemployment insurance payments to jobless workers covered by state unemployment insurance laws aggregated \$170,629,000 in August, the largest amount ever paid out by state employment security agencies in a single month, the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security reported here.

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The chief wonder of the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 was the work of W. G. W. Ferris, the first of the so-called Ferris wheels now familiar in many pleasure parks.

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WRONG STAND OF G. O. P.

When the G. O. P. proceeds to give its official endorsement to Proposition 2, which would repeal our present pension law, and does likewise with Proposition 12, which would re-establish the semi-annual nuisance of the daylight saving law, that party demonstrates again how completely it has become dominated by reaction and big business, so that it now openly opposes the previously expressed will of our people.

It is only a year ago since the people of California by their votes adopted the present pension law, which the Republicans now want to repeal. Twice before the people of this state have voted down the daylight saving proposition, yet it is being trotted out a third time for the people to vote on again. In addition, this same daylight saving measure has been voted down five times by the legislature. Still its proponents want to try again in the hope that it might slip through by a fluke at the coming special election.

In the days of Lincoln the Republican party stood for the interests of the common people but now big business and anti-labor interests have gotten such complete control of the G. O. P. that every one of the 12 Republican congressmen, still serving from this state, are out and out supporters of the Taft-Hartley law and as a rule line up in Congress for reaction and big business. That is a very bad present-day showing for the political organization which was once the party of the Great Emancipator.

LETTING PEOPLE DECIDE

One of the fundamental cornerstones of democracy is that all important questions should be decided by a majority vote of the people. All experience of the past proves that such decisions are more often right than wrong. When the people go wrong it is not because they want to do it that way but invariably because they have been misinformed.

One of the curses of our day is that so many of the sources, that should supply our people seeking correct information with facts and the truth, are instead cesspools of misinformation, whose purpose it is to mislead those who are seeking the truth. Appeals are continually being made to deepseated and widespread prejudices that have often been fanned into existence by distorted and untruthful propaganda.

Yet with all this muddling confusion the overwhelming majority of the people really want to decide questions the right way. Given the actual truth and a correct version of matters to be voted on the overwhelming majority will vote right every time. Even if they vote wrong the people are far more apt to see their mistake, after they have made it, and can then take steps necessary to correct it, while dictators, who make mistakes, will rarely admit it and it is seldom that they will ever take any steps to correct them.

Questions settled by the majority of the people are the ones most apt to stay settled.

MEMBERS SHOULD RULE

It is not always that the wishes of the majority of the members of a union prevail. The invariable reason for this state of affairs is that there are so many members of every union who do not attend meetings at which important questions are decided. The larger the percentage of the membership is that attends meetings the more truly is every decision made by the union apt to reflect the wishes of the majority of the members.

Fundamentally all genuine labor unions rest upon a democratic foundation. Officers and special representatives can and should be elected by the members. Most unions go out of their way to inform members of the time set for such elections to be held. By-laws are likewise adopted by a vote of the members. Many of the international unions elect their officers and make all changes of the constitution by a referendum vote of the entire membership.

Resting on such a foundation there is no good reason why the will of the majority on any important issue should not decide it. But members must attend meetings and vote in order to assert their wishes. If they don't do that they have no one to blame but themselves if things are not done as they want them performed. The right place for all union men to speak their mind is at the proper union meeting. There is where the democracy of every union is asserted. To win any point you must convince a majority of those present.

The less energy workers spend fighting each other and the more compactly they unite against their common enemies the farther will their labor movement advance.

Labor has a tremendously big job on hand for 1950. It is to help decent people replace the bad eggs now in Congress with a better grade of lawmakers.

News For Women

LAMB CROP DROPS

Lamb chops are not likely to become any more plentiful for some time to come. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that there are fewer lambs available for feeding, replacement, and slaughter than there were last year. The 1949 lamb crop—the source of feeder lambs for the coming winter and spring—was the smallest since 1924.

CHEESE OUTPUT VARIES

Although national butter and American cheese production for the week ended October 13 dropped to the lowest weekly level since the seasonal decline began last June, western butter production scored a contra-seasonal gain of one per cent, and western cheese production dropped only 3 per cent below the previous week.

Western production of butter was 17% above a year ago, 14% larger than the 1943-47 average, with increases occurring in the three Pacific Coast states and Idaho. Utah's decrease was moderate, but there was a sharp drop in Montana's output.

In the west, cheese production was up 7 per cent from a year ago, and was 6 per cent above the 1943-47 average. While only the state of Washington showed a gain in output, decreases in Idaho, Oregon and Utah were moderate. Pronounced decreases occurred in all other important cheese-producing states of the country.

A FUTURE IN FOODS

For a thirst-quencher a tall glistening glass of tomato-juice may be the answer. Or, if the family is spending the evening at home by the fireside, a generous pan of fudge made with whey may be just the thing. Sounds a bit fantastic, doesn't it? Really, though, these may very well be foods of the future, along with buttermilk ice cream, potato-skin-milk wafers, cake—made either with whey or skim milk—and cream-style soup.

Dairy scientists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have been experimenting in the dairy products research laboratories and devising methods for using whey, skim milk, and buttermilk in human foods. All of the above-mentioned foods have been made experimentally, tasted and examined, and judged nutritious and delicious.

Although some 60 million pounds of milk casein is used annually for making coated paper, glue and water paints, and about half of the milk sugar from dairy by-products goes into the manufacture of penicillin, enormous quantities of the by-products of the dairy industry are now fed to livestock, or wasted every year.

HONEY IS PLENTIFUL

In mid-September, the nation's honey producers had an estimated 115 million 342 thousand pounds on hand for sale, reflecting the heaviest honey stocks on hand since records began in 1942, and amounting to slightly over half of the 1949 production. Stocks held in the western states totaled 37 million 693 thousand pounds—or 67 per cent of the '49 production.

Nationally, we're expected to produce 230 million pounds of honey this year—11 per cent more than last year. This estimate is based on mid-September reports from about 5 thousand beekeepers, including farm and non-farm apiaries.

In the west, production is down about 2 per cent from last year—chiefly because of the relatively low yield in Montana.

It also looks as though California will drop from first to second place in production among all states this year, with an indicated 22 million 338 thousand pounds. However, this is 12 per cent more than the 1943-47 average. Minnesota is expected to take first place this year.

CHICKENS APLENTY

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the nation's commercial hatcheries produced 53 million 78 thousand chicks during September—the largest output on record for September, 19 per cent more than in September 1943, and 46 per cent more than the 1943-47 average.

Here in the west, September's chick hatch was up 27 per cent from a year ago in the Pacific Coast states, and was 18 per cent larger in the mountain states. California produced nearly 6 million; Washington over 500 thousand; Oregon 400 thousand; and the mountain states 203 thousand.

Raisins and Dried Prunes: Abundant supplies of dried prunes and raisins from the new pack will be available in retail stores in November. This year's crop of prunes is running to larger sizes than last year. A near record grape crop means abundant supplies of raisins.

Cauliflower: Southern California and Oregon will be shipping important quantities of cauliflower in November.

Chickens (Broilers, Fryers and Hens): The nation is amply supplied with broilers, fryers and stewing hens. Prices are expected to remain at reasonable levels.



Corporation vs. Welfare State

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

With the first session of the 81st Congress now a matter of legislative history, American labor forces must turn a careful, surveying eye on the latest propaganda approach of the Big Business bloc which does so much to regulate our daily lives.

Beyond any question or doubt, this clique has engaged in a conspiracy of calumny against the progressive domestic program of President Truman.

There are many who conspire publicly, scorning the secret avenues of their kind: Herbert Hoover, a pathetic, rejected Tory; Jimmy Byrnes, a turn-coat again wearing the colors of his poll-tax beginnings; Robert A. Taft, symbol of a moldy, decaying past.

There are others who plot in the hidden ways of their Washington lobbies: the real estate, power, banking, and oil trusts, to cite but a few.

DOMINATE PRESS

But open or covert, they dominate the greatest medium of national propaganda, the Press.

And open or covert, they have loosed the dogs of war on every labor union member in the United States.

Their chief and constant lie is that President Truman and Labor are leading the country to dictatorship through social reform on the national level.

They would not dare shriek "Communism," or "Fascism," and so they point to "Statism," and "Socialism." And beyond all, they fear the "Welfare State."

Essentially, they argue that Truman and Labor would bring the "corrupting influence" of government aid into the life of America. This they pretend to abhor. But they lie and fake in their every protest.

DEPENDS WHO GETS IT

Did you ever hear Big Business denounce the mail subsidy given every magazine and newspaper as a "socialist scheme?"

Did you ever hear the railway and steamship companies ask Congress to abolish their fat subsidies for "softening the hard initiative of the American businessman?"

Did you ever hear the monstrous real estate lobby ask Congress to stop guaranteeing private building loans with taxpayers' money?

Did you ever hear those Tories complain about the "socialist" Miller-Tydings Act, which makes it illegal for a merchant to sell products at a competitive price lower than that price "fixed" by the manufacturers?

TO HELL WITH PEOPLE

Not at all. Their bleats are reserved for government aid to the people. But they have their own state in mind, a state that would impose the labor philosophy of the 19th century on the American worker.

They have in mind their own brutal, callous state that would crush labor for the advance of business profit.

They have in mind the Corporation State, and for this they are prepared to malign and smear every attempt of labor to bring about that better life for all to which our movement is dedicated.

We are pledged to a genuine welfare state. They are pledged to the Corporation State. The battle has been joined. For us, retreat is impossible.

Resolution Proposes Motion Picture on AFL

St. Paul.—A resolution was submitted to the AFL's 60th convention here urging that the AFL sponsor production of a full-length feature motion picture on the birth and growth of the nation's biggest labor organization.

The proposal was one of eight submitted by various branches of the Federation urging the AFL to tell its story in motion pictures and literature.

The others urged more money for workers' education, literature for high schools and colleges, and film shorts on such labor subjects as "How to Negotiate a Contract."

Other resolutions advocated extension of social security law coverage, improved working conditions for Government employees, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

UNION LABEL

Extension of Remarks of HON. PAUL H. DOUGLAS of Illinois

In the Senate of the United States Friday, September 9 (legislative day of Saturday, September 3), 1949

(Congressional Record)

MR. DOUGLAS: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have inserted in the Appendix of the Record a statement regarding the union label by I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Ornburn is very well qualified to discuss labor-management relations. This is partially because he is director of the Union Industries Shows, which have become so popular during the last decade. They are superb examples of cooperation between union workers and their fair employers. For that reason, our eminent and able Vice President has termed I. M. Ornburn an "Ambassador of Good Relations." Mr. Ornburn is a former member of the United States Tariff Commission and has always been a strong advocate of adequate protection for American labor, industry, and agriculture.

(There being no objection, the statement was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows.)

UNION LABEL—KEYNOTE FOR PROSPERITY

The first Monday in September is set aside each year by an act of Congress to celebrate the part labor played in making America the best country in the world. The first observance of Labor Day came during the life of Samuel Gompers, the first president of the American Federation of Labor, who declared: "We want the public to know that the product which our union label covers is the best of its character and kind that can be had; our union-label goods are made under better conditions for workers as to wages and sanitary conditions than non-union products. That our hallmarks, the union labels of our organizations, stand for higher and better things than a mere trade-mark."

Labor Day finds our free American workers still enjoying the best living standards in all the world. Let's try to raise the conditions of toilers in other lands up to our level. We must be on guard against dragging our own citizens down to the low labor standards of Europe and Asia. The best way to do that is to buy union-label goods. We cannot maintain our superb economic system if we buy non-union goods made by workers who receive hardly enough to keep a spark of life in their bodies. In some instances that merchandise is even made by slave labor.

William Green, who ascended to the presidency of the American Federation of Labor upon the death of Mr. Gompers in 1924, has consistently subscribed to the policy of the founders of our great labor movement. He has said: "Management and labor cooperation is the American way applied to industry and the class warfare is the Communist way and it takes a heavy toll of human life in suffering and misery."

Cost of Living Rose Fractionally in August

Washington.—The Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics announced in its monthly release on the cost of living that retail prices and goods and services purchased by moderate-income families in large cities were .2 per cent higher in mid-August than in mid-July.

The consumers' price index on August 15 was 168.8, which was 3.3 per cent below the level of a year ago, 26.6 per cent higher than in June 1946, and 71.2 per cent above the August 1939 level.

FIRST MEETING OF FACT COMMITTEE—U. S. Defense Sec. Louis Johnson (standing) addresses the first meeting of the defense committee of North Atlantic Pact nations. The 12 nations represented met at the Pentagon Bldg. in Washington to discuss military operations under the pact.

Bits Of Humor

This week's brain twister: If it takes one minute to make each cut, how long will it take to cut a 10-foot pole into ten equal pieces? (Answer below.)

Most of the stumbling blocks people complain about are under their hats.

Sign in a cosmetic shop: "Our perfumes will hold the boy-friend small bound."

Married men look at other women only as a matter of form.

Nick, the Bartender at Life Bar down Broadway in Oakland, said his joint was considering a midget floor show for the customers under the tables.

She wore her stockings inside out, all through the summer heat. She said it cooled her off to turn the hose upon her feet.

Some husbands have learned that the best way to produce real harmony in the home is to play second fiddle.

Answer to brain twister: Nine minutes; nine cuts will divide the pole into ten pieces.

Sitting on the beach, Mr. Tucker fell into a diversion his wife heartily detested—admiring other women.

"Look at that woman over there in the green bathing suit," he remarked. "Now, that's what I call a proper attire for a woman on a public beach. See how modest she appears, and how sensible!"

"Yes," his wife retorted. "Some women will do anything to attract attention!"

Intuition is what enables some to arrive instantly at a decision without the aid of reason, judgment or discussion.

There was a young couple about to get married. She was concentrating on her trousseau and he was concentrating on her torso—and that is why her trousseau got torso.

A Texan was visiting the east, where he had occasion to attend the funeral of a man who was thoroughly disliked in the community. At the services the minister, who was new in the parish, called upon someone to say a few words about the deceased. A long and significant silence ensued.

Finally, the true son of Texas arose and said: "Well, since there is no one present who has anything to say about our departed brother, I'd like a few minutes to tell you folks about Texas."

"Trust her! You surely don't think she could keep a secret?"

"Well, I've trusted her with other things, and she kept them!"

If we cannot live so as to be happy let us at least live so as to deserve it.—Fitch.

"What caused the explosion at your home last night?"

"Powder on my sleeve."

Small Firms Skid Faster Than Big Corps.

Net profits of small manufacturing corporations have declined more than twice as much as those of large companies in the past year.

A joint report by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission shows: Profits of corporations with net assets of less than \$1 million were 60 per cent less in the second quarter of 1949 than in the same period last year.

Dailies Distort Prop. 2 Facts

(AFL Committee Against Prop. 2)

Seekers of truth in the news have in late years been confronted by a curious paradox.

The paradox lies in the fact that the newspapers of general circulation, arguing that they serve the public as a whole, have become the tools of special minority interests, while the so-called special interest newspapers, such as those serving organized labor, have proved to be more factual and objective, and more worthy of the public's confidence.

A case in point is the current handling by the general press of news in connection with the campaign to repeal the present pension law of the State of California, which is Article XXV of the Constitution and was adopted by the voters in the general election last November.

WORST IN HISTORY

In no other instance that experienced political campaigners can recall have the general newspapers resorted so forthrightly to misrepresentation of the facts and distortion of the issues as they have in their current support of Proposition 2, which would repeal Article XXV.

From the outset of the campaign, it was to be expected that the newspapers, subservient as usual to big advertisers and vested business interests, would assume on their editorial pages a position in favor of Proposition 2.

But those of us fighting Proposition 2, mindful of newspaper claims of press freedom and honesty in news coverage, did assume that the news columns would be open for a truthful presentation of the facts of the campaign which constitute legitimate information.

AUTOMATIC ACTION
This has not been the case. Either through conspiracy or by "spontaneous" agreement, the important newspapers of the state have refused to accept as news many important stories which reflect favorably upon the campaign against Proposition 2.

In San Francisco, for example, one newspaper printed a lengthy page one news story quoting a minor union official to the effect that he was in favor of the pension repeal measure. This same newspaper played down or ignored the important story that all representative labor organizations in California are officially on record against Proposition 2.

Proponents of Proposition 2 have made news by stating that the Cal-

ifornia Grange is supporting their measure. The fact that the California Grange News, official Grange paper, has recommended a "no" vote on the proposal has been largely ignored.

RICH BLIND, A FRONT

A few well-to-do blind people, gathered into a phony "front" group, and without consulting the thousands of needy blind drawing state aid, suddenly become in the general newspapers the spokesmen for all of the state's blind—because they support the big-business proposition. The needy blind are not permitted to speak through the medium of the public-service press.

Many other examples of betrayal of the public trust could be cited to the shame and discredit of the general press. The labor newspapers, on the other hand, have presented reliable and factual accounts of campaign developments, and have adhered to the real issues.

For many years the general press has been a minor voice in elections. The public has lost faith in the objectivity and honesty of its newspapers. And the public is justified in this feeling of suspicion and distrust.

SO-CALLED "FREE" PRESS

It is our confirmed belief that the general newspapers have lost the power to fool the public. The public knows it is not being served by the so-called free press. It is seeking information from other, more reliable, sources, including newspapers such as this one.

We believe that the general press will stand discredited once more when the public's votes are counted after Nov. 8 special election.

29,000,000 New Jobs

New York.—The Twentieth Century Fund reports that nearly 29 million workers engaged in meeting war needs of the armed forces at the peak of World War II have been reabsorbed into peacetime pursuits.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

PICK-UPS ARE DANGEROUS! KNOW YOUR FRIENDS! WATCH YOUR ENEMIES!

LABOR is being asked to pick up some strange "friends" who have been (and are) traditional enemies.

For instance: Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Merchants & Manufacturers Assoc. State Junior Chamber of Commerce.

They're the boys who've boasted open-shop—cheap labor.

NOW—here they are in full dress-parade claiming their many-times defeated DAYLIGHT "SAVING" scheme will give Labor lots of leisure hours (and themselves, too.)

REMEMBER—Outstanding spokesmen for all Organized Labor have time-and-again signed ballot arguments, and militantly opposed artificial time for what it really

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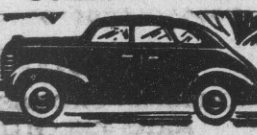
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IMPORTANT, ALL MEMBERS — We remind you again that the next regular meeting of your Union will be held at the Washington School, Iverson and Lang Streets, on Tuesday, November 8 at 8 p.m.—that being the second Tuesday of the month. REMEMBER that unless you attend at least one quarterly meeting, you will be subject to a fine unless you have a good excuse subject to the approval of your Executive Board.

We wish to inform all the members that nominations for officers will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the regular meeting.

The TEAMSTER REPORT issued by Joint Council No. 7 is being sent to you either through the mail, or you are getting it at the office of the Union. This paper is on a trial run for three months and we would like your comments on it.

The next regular meeting in Monterey will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10. We wish to inform our members that nominations for officers will take place ONLY AT THE SALINAS MEETING, that being the official and regular meeting of your union which is held on the second Tuesday of every month.

Your Union regrets to report the death of Ray Gernan, who died of illness in a hospital in Oakland, Calif. Our deepest sympathy to members of the family and friends.

BLOOD BANK

Remember that this community now has a blood bank for anyone needing blood without charge. It is our responsibility as members of this community to contribute to this blood bank and keep it supplied. We have cards at the office which you can fill out if you want to make a donation. The Mobile Unit from San Jose will be here on the first Monday in November (Nov. 7).

The following members already have donated:

Peter A. Andrade
Alma Burton
Bettie Johnson
Edward Moe
Blanche Lawrence
William Kenyon
Lola Reid
Glen Wilkerson

The following members have pledged to donate the first Monday in November:

Coy Burken
Earl Ritchey
Vernon Shackelford
Harry Linker
Robert Young
Gilbert C. Hernandez
Tom Rubio
Clifford Heptner

This Union is most grateful to those members who donate their pint of blood.

COMMUNITY CHEST

You may differ on many fields, but the Community Chest is something we should all contribute to. It is very important that the \$55,000 which will go for youth activities in Salinas be raised within the specified time. We ask all our members to cooperate and give to this worthy cause.

Are YOU a registered voter?

THE UNFAIR LIST

The following companies are on the "WE DO NOT PATRONIZE" list and we urge our members not to patronize these firms as they are unfair to this Local Union:

Texhoma Cab Co., Ace Cab Co., Dependable Cab Co., and Robbs Transportation Co., and also Baret Butane Co.

Remember that we should concern ourselves with channeling our money to Union Services which employ organized labor. It is important that we familiarize ourselves with the Union Shop Card. Look for the Shop Card on cabs, in garages, service stations, etc.

THE FAIR LIST

The following companies are FAIR and we ask that you patronize these firms:

Les Thompson, Front and Alisal; Firestone Stores, Monterey and San Luis; Sears at alley Center; Deane on E. Gabilan; Lamar Bros., E. Market and Monterey; Don Hultz Tire Shop, Pajaro and Alisal; and Harry Rhoades, John and Front Sts. The Wilson Cleaners.

Black and White Cabs, Salinas 5565; Checker Cab Co., Salinas 4866; Packard Cab Co., Salinas 7337. In Monterey, the Monterey Taxi, Checker Cab Co., and Rusty's Taxi and Limousine Co. Don Early Co., W. Lake and Nativity; Salinas Pipe and Supply, 45 N. Main St.

The above firms display the Union Shop Card and should be patronized by organized labor.

NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION
The California Labor League for Political Education recommends

that you vote on State Propositions which will appear on the ballot November 8 as follows:

No. 1 (School Bonds), YES.
No. 2 (Pension Repeal), NO.
No. 3 (Legislative Pay Raise), YES.

Nos. 4 to 11, inclusive (removal of obsolete section from State Constitution), your Union takes no position.

No. 12 (Daylight Saving Time), your Union takes no position. Do not be confused by all of the material appearing in the daily papers, particularly regarding Proposition No. 2. An attempt is being made by strong factions who are not interested in the interests of the workers who toil for a living. Remember, vote NO on No. 2.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS

Mr. C. I. Bentley, director of vocational education at the Salinas Evening School, High School and Junior College, is conducting an evening class in Diesel Operation and Repair. This class is held in the Diesel Shop of Hartnell A&M. Since all instruction is on an individual basis, students may enter at any time. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 o'clock. Anyone interested can see Mr. Reese, the instructor, or phone the Evening School office, 7262.

Your Union is very grateful for the wonderful job being done by the Shop Stewards on the various jobs. Our regular monthly meetings are becoming very interesting and it is important to note that our Shop Stewards are performing a valuable service to the membership. We ask all members to please cooperate with your Shop Steward or Stewardess on the job and show your dues book at the monthly inspections which are held by the Stewards. Your Shop Steward has to fill out a report and it is most important that you cooperate with him, as he is working in your behalf. This Union is very proud of its Shop Stewards.

ATTENTION

Your Union in the past has been giving members 15 days grace on payment of dues. HOWEVER, your International Union insists, and your local constitution and by-laws so state, that DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. So, to be in good standing now, your dues must be paid before the first of the month, otherwise you will be considered delinquent.

If you are unable to come to the office to pay your dues, place your money order, etc., with your book in an envelope and mail it to the union office BEFORE THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH. It will then be stamped and returned to you. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU OBSERVE THESE RULES AS STATED IN YOUR CONSTITUTION.

Our dead-letter file is really filling up—with books, insurance policies, etc. Please give your union office any change of address so that your mail will not be returned. If you cannot come in, phone in or drop a card and tell us about it.

Many of our members who take a leave of absence from their work should be sure and get a leave of absence form from their employer so that their seniority rating will not be in jeopardy.

When you take a leave of absence, it is important that your release shows your name, badge number (if any), date requested leave of absence, starting time and date of termination; and show also that such leave of absence is approved by name of person, title, company, etc.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Please be advised that certain amendments of the Unemployment Insurance Act will go into effect in January 1950. Section 200, beginning Jan. 1, 1950, any disabled individual during his confinement in a hospital shall be entitled to receive in addition to all benefits otherwise provided in this act the amount of \$8 for each day not in excess of 12 days, during which he is so confined pursuant to orders of his physician; and any such individual shall not be subject to any waiting period requirement as a condition precedent to the receipt of any benefits under

AFL Challenges Legion Brass

St. Paul.—President William Green put the AFL firmly on record in favor of the so-called "welfare state" that will accord decent security and adequate health and medical care for the workers of the nation.

Mr. Green and Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing differed sharply with Commander George N. Craig of the American Legion on this issue in a debate which highlighted the AFL's 68th convention.

Mr. Craig said that "the American Legion wants a state of welfare in America but not a welfare state." He said that more and more people are accepting an increasing dependence upon the national government, expecting more and more security. He called this a trend to "state-ism, sugar-coated term for socialism and handmaiden of Communist missionaries."

Mr. Ewing told delegates he hoped his speech was an answer to Mr. Craig.

SEE ONLY SELFISH ENDS

"These people who are going around the country damning statism either don't know the meaning of the word or they are against a republican form of government," Mr. Ewing said. "Stop statism! That is a reactionary line."

He said these people wanted government help only when it served their own ends and profits, government help for the rich but not the poor. "That is not our kind of freedom," he said.

Mr. Ewing attacked the vicious propaganda by the American medical Association against a federal

Article 10 of this act.

If any of our members should need some shoes in the near future, one of your fellow members is selling them—you can contact Gabe Settrini, 1428 Del Monte Ave., Salinas, telephone 2-2132. You'd be surprised—he has some pretty nice looking shoes for either dress or work. He would be happy to show you what he has to offer if you are interested.

Be sure your dues are paid on or before the first day of each month. . . . If you have moved, please give change of address to your union office. . . . Patronize only those places displaying a Union Shop Card.

VETS' NEWS

Veterans planning to move from the area served by the Veterans Administration District Office to which they have been mailing their National Service Life Insurance premium payments, should notify VA immediately of their new permanent address.

VA pointed out that a veteran's NSLI records are kept in the VA District Office supervising the area in which he maintains his permanent address.

The sooner the veteran notifies VA of his change in residence, the sooner VA can transfer his insurance records to the VA District Office having jurisdiction over the area in which he will reside.

When advising VA of his new address, the veteran should identify himself fully, indicating his NSLI certificate number, former address and new address. Changes in address may be noted on the space provided for such changes on the flap of the regular VA remittance envelopes.

Question: I know that \$150 is payable for burial expenses at a veteran's death. Is the same award made at the death of his widow?

Answer: There is no provision of law that would allow a burial award based on the death of a widow.

Question: Must a disabled veteran go to a vocational school, or may he go to a liberal arts college, a high school, or a similar institution under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

Answer: He may enroll in any VA-approved educational institution or training establishment offering the course of training which he needs to insure his proper rehabilitation in line with his desires.

Question: My term NSLI has been lapsed for over a year. Can I reinstatement now and what is the procedure?

Answer: Your term insurance may be reinstated if evidence of good health in the form of a completed report of medical examination is filed. If the application for reinstatement is made before January 1, 1950, the existence of good health is not denied because of a disability or disabilities, less than total in degree, resulting from or aggravated by active service between Oct. 8, 1940 and Sept. 2, 1945, inclusive.

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Private Utility Profits Used Against Labor

(State Fed. Release)

WHERE THE MONEY GOES
What do private utility companies do with the profits they make from excessive rates? The 1949 budget filed with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company gives one clue. It will spend, this year, the following amounts in combating public power and other progressive measures:

Research	\$3,600
National Tax Equality Assn. (anti-cooperative)	500
U. S. Chamber of Com.	1,000
Affiliated Tax Council	1,800
Portland	1,600
Nat. Assn. of Mfrs.	1,600
Tax Foundation, Inc.	200
Pac. N.W. Develop. Assn. (anti-CVA)	2,500
Tax Foundation, N.Y.	200
Nat. Assn. of Elec. Cos.	3,000
Washington	3,617
Com. for Econ. Develop.	1,000
Edison Elec. Inst.	625
Assn. Elec. Light & Power	6,700
Business Advisory Council	250
Portland Cham. of Com.	400
Nat. Rivers & Har. Com.	250
Greater Portland Man. Club	400
Columbia Empire Indus.	400
Portland Labor-Man. Com.	10,000
Funds to Combat Public Power	\$38,092

Insurance, a Big Racket

Freedom of life insurance companies from paying taxes on their investments will be investigated by Congress.

The House Ways and Means Committee will study the formula which gives life insurance companies credits or deductions on certain portions of their income in consideration of their future obligations to policy holders.

The Treasury Department has revealed that insurance firms paid no taxes on \$1.5 billion they earned on investments in 1948. Sweet return on the gullibility of the American public for the myth, the losing gamble they take on most forms of insurance.

The seven-man subcommittee which will study the subject consists of Walter A. Lynch (D., N.Y.), Noble J. Gregory (D., Ky.), A. Sidney Camp (D., Ga.), Aime J. Forand (D., R.I.), Daniel A. Reed (R., N.Y.), Richard M. Simpson (R., Pa.) and Robert W. Kean (R., N.J.).—(LLPE)

Short Workweek Drive Is Urged

St. Paul.—The AFL should once more consider a renewal of its drive for the shorter standard workweek and workday through collective bargaining, the AFL Executive Council said in its annual report to the 68th AFL convention here.

Reviewing national and world events and the accomplishments of the AFL since the 1948 convention, the Executive Council report stressed the fact that growing unemployment in the U.S. accompanied by a business decline, heralds a return to normal after 10 years of war and postwar boom.

The use of atrazine in treatment of malaria sometimes gives a brilliant yellow-green fluorescence to nails, hair and skin, which can be detected under ultraviolet light.

LABOR IS ORGANIZED
Equally important is the fact that organized labor has close to 15 million members today, whereas in 1929 it was down to some three million. In 1949 the unions, acting together, can have an economic and political influence unknown in 1929.

But, as in 1929, the industrial and financial kings still make the big decisions. There has been no breaking up of concentrated economic power since the great depression. On the contrary, banking and industrial interests have become more tightly entrenched in fewer hands. Today, for instance, a few bosses of U. S. Steel can decide whether a third of the nation's steel workers shall have a pension plan of the kind they want, or whether they shall have to go through a bitter fight for it.

THE OLD SLAVE DRIVE
They still try to get as much work as they can from their workers and their machines for a minimum of expense, and try to sell at as great a profit as possible. Today they pay more than in 1929, but the workers produce far more per hour. The numbers in the equation have changed, but it's basically the same setup.

The people most concerned that there should not be another 1929 tried to push through a Full Employment Act at the end of the war, but the bill was cut down to a sort of Congressional warning service. To date, no serious anti-depression legislation has gone

through Congress as a result of establishment of the Council of Economic Advisers under the Employment Act of 1946.

BIG TAX GRAB
And while the purchasing power of the low and middle income groups is being held up in certain places by legislation passed since Franklin D. Roosevelt came to the White House, heavier taxation is taking much of it away again. Millions who never paid income taxes in 1929 are paying them at a stiff rate today on the same number of dollars—which are worth far less in the store.

The increased cost of America's social legislation is responsible for this in a very small way. But the huge increase in the nation's military outlay and foreign program is the major cause for today's tax load.

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But one can say that despite a number of changes, it is fundamentally the same American economy this year as it was 20 years ago, run by the same people, with the same motives. How much they have learned in that time is hard to say.

Dairy Giants "Cut" Prices on Milk
New York.—Bowing to consumer pressure Oct. 10, Borden and Sheffield, the giant dairy firms which control the milk market here, announced cuts in their list prices ranging up to 2½¢ a quart.

Sheffield broke down first, stating that under the new schedule approved milk will be cut from 23¢ to 21¢ and Vitamin D homogenized from 25½¢ to 23¢. Borden quickly followed suit, although a spokesman claimed there was "no economic justification for such reductions."

While hard-pressed consumers greeted the announcement with amazement, the cuts were hardly what they seemed. For thousands of New Yorkers there was really no reduction at all, according to Pres. Meyer Parodneck of the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative.

"It is more in the nature of a bookkeeping devaluation rather than a cut," Parodneck said. "The major companies have been selling milk at these prices anyway. Actually, by the devaluation of their list prices they'll be saving lots of money."

Denver Rent Control
Washington.—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods has approved a recommendation by the Denver Rent Advisory Board to continue rent control in the Denver defense area.



'29-'49 -- HAVE WE LEARNED?

It is inevitable that on Oct. 29, 1949 the country would be reminded that it is just 20 years since the Big Crash—the Black Tuesday in 1929 when Harding-Coolidge-Hoover prosperity took a nosedive.

Immediately, this anniversary, more than any other, makes Americans wonder whether we are in for what the professors call "a cycle," a repetition of the crash and depression from

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Urges Organizing of White Collar Workers
St. Paul.—AFL unions were urged to make sure that white collar workers are organized under the AFL banner.

Paul Huthings, president of the Office Employees International Union, told the 68th annual convention that "organization in any establishment is not complete and secure until the office and clerical staff of such establishment has been brought within the field of the AFL and its appropriate international unions."

Huthings gave this reminder as delegates referred to the executive council a resolution calling for a national AFL conference on organizing white collar workers in the United States and Canada.

The resolution said that the economic position of white collar workers has shown less improvement than any other section of the working population and tends to depress the rates and conditions of all industrial workers.

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If you had \$4½ million, you could build a fair-sized town of about 600 homes. Or you could buy exactly one B-36 bomber. You wouldn't have much use for the B-36 unless you were in the business of hauling atom bombs, but that's the price tag.

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Doctors Fear More Work

"Dear Dr. —: I was shocked to receive a letter from you with a sticker attached charging that compulsory health insurance would bring me inferior medical care at high cost, would invade my medical privacy, and would put both of us under political control."

"As I am sure you know, Dr. —, I have a very high regard for you. Otherwise I would not write this letter. I am writing because I believe you have been seriously misled about this legislation which the American Medical Association is fighting so strenuously and so unprofessionally."

"Your sticker shocked me, first, because I do not expect you in your role of my personal physician to attempt to propagandize me on political issues, even one so close to your heart as this one. It shocked me also, because it was so patently false in what it said about health insurance that I am sure it was prepared by the American Medical Association and not by you."

"You have a right to think what you will about health insurance as a physician. I have an equal right to my own views as a patient. It happens that I have spent a good many months working for this program."

"I have studied it and feel that I am in at least as good a position to judge its effect as you, busy as you are with caring for your patients and keeping up with the swift advances of medical science."

"INFERIOR CARE"—WHY? "Let me take up your three statements about the program one at a time. First, you say it would bring me inferior medical care at high cost. Why should I? I would expect to continue coming to your office, as I do now, for the kind of medical care you felt I needed."

"Why should it become inferior because your bill was paid by the insurance fund instead of coming out of my pocket directly? I know you too well to accept your statement that the kind of medical care you dispense would be affected by where your money came from."

WHY COST MORE? "As to the cost, do you mean to suggest you would charge the insurance fund any more than you do me? I'm sure you don't really mean that. But if you do, you won't get away with it, because the fees will be fixed in advance by local committees composed of both doctors and patients. They probably will be somewhat lower than present fees on the assumption that you will do more business and thus not need to charge each patient so much."

POLITICS? WHY? "Next you say the program would invade my medical privacy. Why should it? You would either get a regular annual fee for handling me, in which case you would not need to report anything to the insurance fund; or you would be paid for each visit, in which case you would merely report that I came for an office visit, or you called on me at my home."

"That's all you would have to report unless there were operations or something more complicated. As a matter of fact, your private hospitals today keep more detailed medical case histories on each patient than anything you would have to submit to the insurance fund in order to get your payment. So how would my medi-

cal privacy be invaded? "Third, you contend that health insurance would put both of us under political control. On that point I think I am better able to judge, as a political writer and student of politics, than you are. I feel sure you are wrong. There is nothing in the bill which even suggests it."

"Our relationship would be exactly the same as it is today, except for the method of payment. Why should there be any political control? Who would exercise the control? The whole program would be run by local committees and all medical questions would be handled entirely by doctors. The bill assures that. I'm afraid you've been taken in by the AMA propaganda, without studying the bill."

"Please believe me when I say this letter is written with the best of good will. I don't know anyone I respect more than you. But I believe you have been taken in by years of one-sided propaganda on an issue of great national importance. I wish, instead of sending around such misleading propaganda, you and the AMA would get busy figuring out a constructive answer to the problem of distributing medical care. Surely you are aware of the need for a better answer than anything the AMA has yet proposed."

"Sincerely and with best regards, NATHAN ROBERTSON."

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Restrict Salmon Catch

San Francisco.—Fresh from their ocean run, salmon in streams and rivers of 20 central and northern California counties are now protected on their spawning grounds until December 31, reminds the Division of Fish and Game.

Certain streams entering San Francisco Bay and their inland tributaries were closed to salmon fishing October 15. Anglers are urged by the State conservation agency to consult the 1949 abstract of angling regulations, available at 2,800 license agencies, for listings of specific spawning ground closures.